

BLACKSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

News Release

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SUBJECT: Malicious Wounding / Brandish Firearm

On October 30, 2005 at 1:38 am Blacksburg Police responded to the area of Hunter Mill Road in the Foxridge Apartment Complex for a report of a fight. On arrival police were met by several witnesses who stated that a person had been stabbed in the leg, and that after the stabbing the suspect had ran inside his apartment. He then returned to the parking lot carrying a 12 gauge shotgun. However, the shotgun was quickly taken and secured before police arrival.

Police made contact with the suspect inside his apartment. He is 21 year-old Ryan Hysong of Blacksburg. He admitted to having a shotgun, but denied pointing it at anyone. Hysong had a small cut over his right eye from the altercation. He was transported by Blacksburg Rescue personnel to Montgomery Regional Hospital, where he was treated and released.

Police also spoke with the victim, Michael McDonald, a 19 year-old Radford University student. He was interviewed at Montgomery Regional Hospital, and gave the following account. He and Hysong had been arguing when he was struck in the leg by an unknown object. McDonald thought he was just punched until he noticed bleeding. He said he then went back to Hysong's apartment to ask him what he had been cut with. It was at this point, after hearing glass breaking, that he was met by Hysong, who allegedly then pointed a shotgun at him.

Both parties involved in the incident had been consuming alcohol. The investigation is still ongoing, as there are other witnesses yet to be interviewed. Police did recover a shotgun and a pocket knife from Hysong's apartment.

Mr. McDonald was subsequently released from Montgomery Regional Hospital after treatment.